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## Superfund Fact Sheet

# Cliffs Battery Service Sunnyside, Washington

### Cleanup Action Completed

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed clean up of the former Cliff's Battery Service facility in Sunnyside, Washington.

Cliffs Battery Service operated from 1958 to 1981 dismantling lead from used batteries. Battery casings were opened and the lead plates removed. The empty casings were piled on the edge of a marshy depression on the site, where a bulldozer pushed the casings into the depression. In 1977, a lead smelting furnace was installed to produce lead wheel weights from the recycled lead. These activities caused lead contamination on the site, which also contaminated the adjacent property.

### EPA's cleanup included the following actions:

- Removal of approximately 7,300 tons of lead contaminated soil, including soils underneath a paved area of the site.
- Repaving the area to keep water from running through remaining low level contamination, which may in turn enter the groundwater.
- Disposal of the soil at an approved hazardous waste landfill in Arlington, Oregon.

### For More Information

If you would like more information about EPA's cleanup of the Cliff's Battery facility, please feel free to contact:

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